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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	614	Median Age of Population (1980)	29.8
Estimated Population (1984)	508,599	% Population Urban (1980)	80.6
Population per Square Mile (1984)	828	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$13,012
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	+ 6.1	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	1.8
Projected Population (1990)	545,428	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	6.1
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	+ 13.8	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	3.2

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	508,599	251,392	257,207	35-44	73,706	36,801	36,905
0-4	38,724	19,896	18,828	45-54	52,714	26,102	26,612
5-14	75,736	38,925	36,811	55-64	49,238	24,198	25,040
15-24	84,151	42,613	41,538	65+	46,115	18,631	27,484
25-34	88,215	44,226	43,989				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	4,068	Number of Divorces	1,815
Rate per 1,000 Population	8.0	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.6
Median Age of Bride	25	Median Age of Wife	34
Median Age of Groom	27	Median Age of Husband	37

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	7,081
Rate per 1,000 Population	13.9
Median Age of Mother	27
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	5.6

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	7,081	100.0	30-34	1,698	24.0
UNDER 15	6	0.1	35-39	467	6.6
15-19	510	7.2	40-44	49	0.7
20-24	1,706	24.1	45+	6	0.1
25-29	2,637	37.2	UNKNOWN	2	0.0

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea		292	Meningitis:	Aseptic	30	Salmonellosis	106
Hepatitis:	Type A	46	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	7	Shigellosis	5
Hepatitis:	Type B	45	Mumps		10	Syphilis	2
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	4	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	20
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	8					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	3,596	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	43
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	7.1	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	6.1
Median Age at Death	73.1	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	32

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	1,276	35.5	Perinatal Conditions	19	36.5	Accidents, All Forms	49	47.6
Cancer	806	22.4	Congenital Anomalies	14	26.9	Suicide	15	14.6
Cerebrovascular Disease	279	7.8	Accidents, All Forms	4	7.7	Cancer	13	12.6
Accidents, All Forms	159	4.4				Heart Disease	5	4.9
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	117	3.3						
All Other	959	26.7	All Other	15	28.8	All Other	21	20.4
TOTAL	3,596	100.0	TOTAL	52	100.0	TOTAL	103	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Accidents, All Forms	45	26.6	Cancer	278	35.5	Heart Disease	1,029	41.3
Cancer	40	23.7	Heart Disease	219	28.0	Cancer	473	19.0
Heart Disease	21	12.4	Cerebrovascular Disease	36	4.6	Cerebrovascular Disease	235	9.4
Suicide	19	11.2	Accidents, All Forms	27	3.5	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	91	3.7
Cerebrovascular Disease	8	4.7	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	26	3.3	Pneumonia and Influenza	70	2.8
All Other	36	21.3	All Other	196	25.1	All Other	592	23.8
TOTAL	169	100.0	TOTAL	782	100.0	TOTAL	2,490	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
9	7	2	0	0	0

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	1	Structured Clinics	1	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	4	Family Practice Center	0	Limited	0	General	6
				Basic	1	Comprehensive	0

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	4	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	0	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	0

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	1,414	2.8
Admissions	53,145	104.5

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	219	0.4
Admissions	217	0.4

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $245

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	17	14	11
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	1	0	1
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	15	15	15
TOTAL	33	29	27

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	2,009	43.6
Intermediate	1,312	28.5
Total (SNF + ICF)	3,321	72.0

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.0

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $61
Intermediate $61

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment [1985]

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
16	2,455	997	1,358	100	44.8

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
4	5	1	0	6	1

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services [1985]

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	906	Certified Paramedics I	31
Ambulance Providers	23	Certified Paramedics II	123

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled [1983]

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 21

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	18	Autism	17	Muscular Dystrophy	18
Cerebral Palsy	18	Learning Disabilities	19	Other	19
Epilepsy	18	Multiple Sclerosis	18		

d. Primary Health Care Centers [1985]

Number of Agencies 1

e. Licensed Boarding Homes [1985]

Number of Homes 25